



Appointments & Briefings

April 9, 2013 – 7:00 PM – **Agenda**
City Council Chamber, Room 214, Municipal Building

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1. Public Hearing on a COMMUNICATION/DEMOLITION, New Bedford Historical Commission, to City Council, re: BUILDING DEMOLITION REVIEW: COMFORT STATION LOCATED AT 170 COVE STREET, MAP 20, PARCEL 139, advising that “the structure is not located in a National Register Historic District or a Local Historic District, but is eligible to be listed in the National Register of Historic Places and the structure is significant in that other than the Buttonwood Park Comfort Station, it is the only existing Comfort Station built for that specific purpose and is closely associated with the social and cultural history of the City;” and therefore, “the NBHC has determined that the Comfort Station at 170 Cove Street is a historically significant structure and preferably preserved.” (Ref’d 12/20/12, Advertised in the Standard-Times 3/27/13)

INVITEES: New Bedford Historical Commission Chairperson Diana Henry; Acting City Planner Jill Maclean; Preservation Planner Anne Louro; DIS Commissioner Danny Romanowicz; Abutters

2. Public Hearing on a COMMUNICATION/DEMOLITION, New Bedford Historical Commission to City Council, re: BUILDING DEMOLITION REVIEW: 523-525 PURCHASE STREET, MAP 41, PARCEL 40, advising that “a pre 1830 one and one-half story gable end Greek Revival with a rear ell, retaining splayed lintels from the preceding Federal period as well as its original six over six double-hung windows, its full height stone foundation is non typical or extant in New Bedford; in the nineteenth century, maritime manufacturing become centralized along the waterfront and the areas around the edges of the village become important residential locations for the working waterfront and the areas around the edges of the village become important residential locations for the working middle class, in 1838 this property was owned by Zacheus Cushman a sail maker employed on Rodman Street in the heart of the maritime district; this property is located in the County Street National Register District,” and therefore, “the NBHC has determined that 523-525 Purchase Street is a historically significant structure and preferably preserved.” (Ref’d 1/24/13, Advertised in the Standard-Times 3/27/13)

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3. Public Hearing on a COMMUNICATION/DEMOLITION, New Bedford Historical Commission, to City Council, re: BUILDING DEMOLITION REVIEW: 5 TALLMAN LANE, MAP 37, PARCEL 276, advising that “a circa 1882 three-story tenement style building that retains much of its Victorian style characteristics, such as its cross-gable, full height bay with patterned shingles and corner brackets; located in a dense part of the City, just south of Downtown; during the mid to late 19th Century, the village center expanded north and southward to accommodate a growing population and the demand of manufacturing employment; the structure is in poor condition due to extensive deferred maintenance, however due to the lack of a development plan or proposed re-use of the property, the NBHC determined the property to be preferably preserved,” and therefore, “the NBHC has determined that 5 Tallman Lane is a historically significant structure and preferably preserved.” (Ref’d 1/24/13, Advertised in the Standard-Times 3/27/13)

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4. Public Hearing on a COMMUNICATION/DEMOLITION, New Bedford Historical Commission, to City Council, re: BUILDING DEMOLITION REVIEW: 130 TALLMAN STREET, MAP 92, PARCEL 246, advising that “a circa 1910 three-story tenement style building with a hipped roof and cross-gable, full height bay; two thirds of the City’s housing stock consists of tenement buildings built to accommodate the large immigrant population employed by the burgeoning textile industry; located in the rear of this property is a wood framed car barn with a hayloft style window above two sets of wooden cross-braced double doors, few of this style exist in the City, the car barns has been identified as endangered historic resources within the City and at risk of loss;” and therefore the NBHC has determined that 130 Tallman Street is historically significant and preferably preserved.” (Ref’d 1/24/13, Advertised in the Standard-Times 3/27/13)

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5. Public Hearing on a COMMUNICATION/DEMOLITION, New Bedford Historical Commission, to City Council, re: BUILDING DEMOLITION REVIEW: 153 ACUSHNET AVENUE, MAP 37, PARCEL 6, advising that “a circa 1882 two and one-half story Italianate style residence characterized y a two story, triple window bay, as well as a two window bay above an off center entrance; located in a dense part of the City, just south of Downtown, these were the modest properties that housed whalers and workers employed at the nearby oil works, candle works and Pairpoint Glass Company; the structure has vinyl siding and replacement windows, however, due to the lack of a development plan or proposed re-use of the property, the NBHC determined the property to be preferably preserved;” and therefore, “the NBHC has determined that 153 Acushnet Avenue is a historically significant structure and preferably preserved.” (Ref’d 1/24/13, Advertised in the Standard-Times 3/27/13)

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6. Public Hearing on a COMMUNICATION/DEMOLITION, New Bedford Historical Commission, to City Council, re: BUILDING DEMOLITION REVIEW: 147 ACUSHNET AVENUE, MAP 37, PARCEL 12, advising that “a circa 1876 two and one-half Italianate style building; located in a dense part of the City, just south of Downtown, these were the modest properties that housed whalers and workers employed at the nearby oil works, candle works, and Pairpoint Glass Company; the structure has vinyl siding and replacement windows, however, due to the lack of a development plan or proposed re-use of the property, the NBHC determined the property to be preferably preserved;” and therefore, “the NBHC has determined that 147 Acushnet Avenue is a historical significant structure and preferably preserved.” (Ref’d 1/24/13, Advertised in the Standard-Times 3/27/13)

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7. Public Hearing on a COMMUNICATION/DEMOLITION, New Bedford Historical Commission, to City Council, re: BUILDING DEMOLITION REVIEW: 929-937 BROCK AVENUE, MAP 15 PARCEL 176, advising that “built circa 1908, the property consists of two highly stylized tenement buildings, with prominent architecture anchoring an important corner location constructed during the height of textile manufacturing, the building represent the architectural development of mill tenements and the small businesses which were established to accommodate the large population of mill workers; the structure is in poor condition due to extensive deferred maintenance, however due to the lack of a development plan or proposed re-use of the property, the NBHC determined the property to be

preferably preserved;” and therefore, “the NBHC has determined that 929-937 Brock Avenue is a historically significant structure and preferably preserved.” (Ref’d 1/24/13, Advertised in the Standard-Times 3/27/13)

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8. Public Hearing on a Communication/Demolition, New Bedford Historical Commission, to City Council, re: BUILDING DEMOLITION REVIEW: 4499 ACUSHNET AVENUE, MAP 137, PARCEL 171, SASSAQUIN ADMINISTRATION BUILDING – advising that “built in 1924, the structure is a Neo-Classical two and one half-story red brick building with a side gable and several ells in the rear, originally the building had a two story columned portico balustrades, no longer extant; designed by the well known local architectural firm of C. Hammond and Sons, the building retains its classical pilasters and triangular pediment with a Palladian style window; the subject structure is found to be historically significant; while in fair condition, it is not feasible to modify the structure to meet the current Building Code, including making the building ADA accessible; and therefore, the NBHC has determined that 4499 Acushnet Avenue – Sassaquin Administration Building is historically significant structure and not preferably preserved.” (Ref’d 2/14/13, Advertised in the Standard-Times 3/27/13)

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9. Public Hearing on a Communication/Demolition, New Bedford Historical Commission, to City Council, re: BUILDING DEMOLITION REVIEW; 4499 ACUSHNET AVENUE, MAP 137, PARCEL 171, SASSAQUIN ASSEMBLY HALL – advising that “built in 1914, the structure is one and one half-story wood framed building built in the Craftsman style, it has a cross gable roof with a prominent entry porch on the gable end and the Palladian style window above; typical of the Craftsman style, the building has projecting eaves with rafter tails and paired windows: the interior has an open floor plan with a raised stage at the rear of the building and wood floors, plaster walls and exposed cross-braced beams with a wood tongue and groove pitched ceiling; the subject structure is found to be historically significant; the building is in good condition, having been maintained by the owner; City Departments and City Preservation Organizations will be working cooperatively with the property owner to develop ideas and strategies for the reuse of the building; and therefore, the NBHC has determined that 4499 Acushnet Avenue –Sassaquin Assembly Hall is historically significant structure and is preferably preserved.” (Ref’d 2/14/13, Advertised in the Standard-Times 3/27/13)

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